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WORLD BANK S REPORT ON TRAI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world Bank in its report has demanded for the strengthening of the TRAI;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SMT. SU MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c): The World Bank has granted a loan for the `Telecom Sector Reform Technical Assistance Project`. One of the components of this project is for strengthening of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

This component includes technical assistance to strengthen TRAI`s ability to regulate the sector through the consultativestudies and trainings. The consultative studies will cover priority regulatory issues in regulatory infrastructure, sector liberalization, Licensing and interconnection issues, development networks and services, quality of service and customer satisfaction, and fostering fair competition. TRAI has already taken-up a number of consultancies and trainings under this Programme.